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MIDWAY TO
GET CABLE

**Rock Where Next
Landing Will
Be Made.**

Shipping men will be interested in the report of the survey of the Midway Islands, just ordered published by the Navy Department at Washington. It will be remembered that Captain Pond made a survey of the islands in the tug Iroquois about two years ago, at which time the importance of the group suddenly became apparent, in the knowledge of the fact that the Pacific Cable would probably make one of its landings there. There are eleven or twelve little rocks in the Midway group, about 1,800 miles in a northwesterly direction from this city, and they became the property of the United States by the annexation of the Hawaiian group. The islands have been visited but little. Sailors, in fact, give them as wide a berth as possible as they are most dangerous when ships get close in.

Many maps have not even shown them, because they are insignificant islets, but they are likely to be of some importance to use as a cable station, breaking the long distance of nearly 2,800 miles between Honolulu and Guam. There is no question but a direct cable from Honolulu to Guam might be successfully laid, but all agree that it is better to maintain an intermediate station at Midway Islands. Wake Island has also been mentioned as this intermediate station, but Midway is likely to be chosen.

The report of Captain Pond is to the effect that this little group got its name from the fact that it is almost in the middle of the Pacific Ocean between Asia and America. It is nothing but a low coral atoll, nearly eighteen miles in circumference, enclosing two islands known as Sand Island and Eastern Island and two small islets.

Sand Island, the largest of the group, one and a quarter miles west of Eastern Island, is nearly one and three-fourths miles long, about three-fourths of a mile wide, and forty-three feet high at its highest point, which is the top of a sand dune. The average elevation of the island above sea level is from three to ten feet.

The island is composed entirely of dazzling white coral sand, partly covered with bushes and some grass, the breeding ground of the tern or sea swallow. The area of vegetation is increasing. The sand dunes are practically a permanent feature of the topography, being protected by their covering of bushes; but gales sometimes blow the sand in dense clouds over the island.

In 1887 the bark Wandering Minstrel was wrecked on the reef that surrounds the islands, and Captain Walker, with his family and crew, lived for fourteen months on these coral sands. It was a terrible experience. The party had nothing to eat except fish, birds and eggs, which they collected in the waters of the lagoon and on the islands.

Several of the castaways who lived on Sand Island died from scurvy, and others were sadly afflicted with this dread disease; those who took refuge on Eastern Island, however, were not attacked. Captain Walker and the survivors of his party spent two winters on the islands. He reports that in the winter months (October to April) gales are of very frequent occurrence, and though there are a few days of fine weather occasionally, a rough, westerly sea is usually breaking against the reef.

Eastern Island, at the southeast extremity of the group is about one and one-fourth miles in length and a half mile in width, from six to twelve feet high and thickly covered with shrubbery and coarse grass. The lagoon in which these islands stand is filled with dark blue water, varying from three to twelve fathoms in depth. None but small vessels can enter the lagoon.

Excellent water may be obtained on Sand Island by digging about five feet, but the well must be boarded up, sides and bottom, to prevent it from filling with sand. The well fills with water rapidly, the water being milky white at first, but settling in a few days and becoming perfectly clear. It is slightly sweet in taste.

The water obtained on Eastern Island is not so pleasant in appearance or taste, being tainted with a vegetable matter; and yet the castaways of the Wandering Minstrel who lived on Sand Island suffered severely in health, while those on Eastern Island, with poorer water, were affected only by the necessary hardships of the situation.

Fish of many varieties are found in the shallow waters of the lagoon, and may be caught with hook and line. A few turtles are found along the reef, and starfish and crabs. Sharks are numerous, sea birds abound in great numbers and are easily caught by hand.

The U. S. S. Albatross, which in 1900 made a survey of the bed of the Pacific along the proposed route of the cable from the Hawaiian Islands to the Philippines and Japan, discovered an unusual physical feature, a short distance to the west of the Midway Islands. It was a submarine mountain rising from the floor of the ocean.

The top of this mountain is within eighty-two fathoms of the surface, while its base rests upon the sea floor at a depth of 2,200 fathoms. During the same survey the Albatross discovered one of the deepest submarine abysses yet found in the world, situated about 100 miles east of Guam and more than 4,000 fathoms in depth. There will probably be taken in and both of these structures in laying the cable.

CONGRESS COMES TO END
AMID JUBILANT SCENES

The Total Appropriations Were More Than a Billion and a Half—Cannon Will Be Next Speaker.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 4.—The Fifty-seventh Congress came to an end today amid scenes of jubilation. The galleries were crowded. The usual expression of good will to retiring Speaker Henderson was not unanimously conceded. The election of Cannon as his



RETIRING SPEAKER HENDERSON.

successor is assured. No legislation was attempted during the closing hours. In the Senate Mason of Illinois made his valedictory speech in favor of freedom for the Filipinos. The total appropriations by this Congress amount to \$1,554,108,518. The important measures that failed were the Statehood, Anti-trust and Ship Subsidy bills.

Cold Kills Cattle.

TOPEKA, Kas., March 4.—Owing to the extreme cold now prevailing in the Middle West cattle are perishing by thousands.

Illness of the Pope.

ROME, March 4.—It is rumored that the excitement of the jubilee celebration has made the Pope ill.

WHAT THE FIRST ISSUE OF
THE
Official and Commercial Record

CONTAINS

The first issue of THE OFFICIAL AND COMMERCIAL RECORD appeared on Monday, March 2nd. It contains:

- 3 By Authority Call for Tenders for Supplies.
- 1 By Authority Call for Tender for Erection of a Public Building.
- 1 By Authority Call for Tender for Erection of a Bridge.
- 1 By Authority Notice of Appointment to Office.
- 2 Notices of Sheriff's Sale of Land at Palama and Waikiki.
- 5 Court Notices of Summons for Divorce.
- 5 Court Notices of Hearings for Appointment of Administrators.
- 9 Court Notices of Hearing for Allowance of Administrators Accounts and Discharge.
- 1 Court Notice of Hearing for Probate of Will.
- 2 Court Notices of Hearings of Guardians Petitions for Sale of Real Estate.
- 8 Official Notices to Creditors.
- 5 Mortgage Foreclosure Notices.
- 32 Corporation Notices of Election of Officers.
- 4 Corporation Notices of Meetings.
- 7 Corporation Notices of Lost Certificates.
- 1 Corporation Dividend Notice.
- 1 Partnership Sale Notice.
- 7 Lodge Meeting Notices.
- Directory of Names, Addresses and Phone Numbers of 75 Honolulu Lawyers.
- Directory of Names of Agents, Managers and Postoffice Addresses of all the Hawaiian Sugar Plantations.
- Time Table of all Ocean Steamers to Arrive and Depart during the Month of March.
- Miscellaneous Notices, Items and Editorials.

Many of these items appear in no other Honolulu Paper.

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COONS ARE
AGAIN IN
THE TOILS

**Police Believe They
Have "Short
Man."**

(From Thursday's Daily.)

There is good reason to believe that the police have at last got to end of the gang of thugs that has been committing depredations of all sorts in Honolulu for several months past. Yesterday Deputy Sheriff Chillingworth came in possession of information that led to the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of Archie Williams, a negro who was arrested some time ago on suspicion of being the "last short man," and of a second negro, on a charge of highway robbery committed on the person of a Chinese in the Moanalua district on the night of March 2nd. It is alleged that Williams and his pal, who is unknown as to his real name but who is called Brady Clemons, chartered a hack and went down into the Moanalua country on a sort of a foraging expedition. The Chinese, whose name is not known to the police, was out on the road with a lantern when the hack ran him down, and the two negroes leaped out of it. Seizing the lantern, one of the thugs beat the Chinese about the head with it so severely that his friends fear a serious result from the injuries inflicted. This was done, apparently, in mere wantonness, for the Chinese had offered no resistance.

Then they relieved him of several dollars in change, and left him in the road, bleeding and unconscious. He staggered to his feet, after a time, and went on to his own house, where medical aid was called, and the next day the police were notified.

Upon this showing of facts, the warrant was issued for Williams and the man known as Clemons. The Deputy Sheriff, however, received information that there was a third man in the gang, a white man, hitherto unknown to the police in this connection, and the officers were told further that the trio had planned a raid for last night, out in the Waikiki country. As it was desired to capture the entire crowd at once, if possible, Chillingworth, with Detectives Renear and McDuffy, went out last night and captured Williams, Clemons, and Charles Russell, all negroes, in a room in Palama. They were taken to the Police Station and on being searched before being put in the cells it was found that Russell did not have either money or other belongings on his person. Williams had a few shirt buttons in his pocket but no coin, and Clemons' only property was a "mouth organ."

PRACTICAL HELP
FOR SMALL FARMERS

Editor Advertiser: I appreciate your efforts in behalf of small farming, but I suggest that lack of land and difficulty in production are not the only nor the principal troubles. After land is obtained and crops are produced, a market must be had, or the small farmer is as badly off as though he had no land, or his crops had failed. The market in Honolulu is but small, but even it is of little value to the small farmer. The local dealers all have their arrangements made to import fruit and vegetables from San Francisco and will not buy that locally produced. They state that there is not enough produced locally to assure a steady supply, and consequently they must secure a supply from abroad, and having done so they are unable to handle any more.

This may be sound from the dealer's standpoint, but it means failure to the small farmer, who has troubles enough to raise a crop without having it left on his hands when it has been raised. In addition to the above mentioned difficulty, it is a fact that if the local dealers do take some produce for sale, as they occasionally do, their charges are so high that there is no profit left. Before small farming can be a success here, some means must be devised for disposing of produce and at a reasonable cost.

WELL-WISHER.

[The points made by our correspondent are well taken. A market for home raised produce must be created and it must be sold at a minimum cost for charges.]

How is this to be accomplished? Most producers do not live near enough to Honolulu to come into town and sell their products, and those who do, cannot afford the time.

There are two ways of meeting the situation. One is for the small farmer to form a mutual organization, which shall handle their produce, dividing the expense pro rata.

The difficulty with this plan is that the producers are scattered, do not know each other and do not possess capital enough to pay for the necessary plant. There would doubtless also be a loss to begin with, which they

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are not in a position to meet. The other method is to have the government market keeper receive and sell all locally produced articles, charging a small commission, say ten per cent, for so doing, and remitting the net proceeds to the consignor. The government has the plant. Only about one-half of the market building is occupied. A very few dollars for fittings and a cheap clerk would be all that would be required.

Certainly no government assistance to the people would interfere less with private business, and none would be more justifiable in its beneficent results. Will not some legislator secure the passage of an act providing for this small assistance? If so the Advertiser will undertake to have an act drafted at its own expense.—Ed. Advertiser.]

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